CORK MAGISTRACY.

A COPY of the CORRESPONDENCE between the IRISH GOVERNMENT and the MAGISTRATES of the West Riding of the County of *Cork*, relative to the REMOVAL of the STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES from that Riding.

LETTER from *J. Dean Freeman*, Esq. to the Right Hon. *E. J. Littleton*.

County of Cork, Grand Jury Room,
23d August 1833.

Sir,

AS Foreman of the Grand Jury of the county of Cork, assembled at Summer Assizes 1833, I have the honor to forward the Report of that body on the subject of the Extraordinary Police of this county, and request you will lay the same before His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Jos. Dean Freeman.*

To His Excellency *Henry William*, Marquess of *Anglesey*, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of *Ireland*.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, the Grand Jury of the county of Cork, assembled at Summer Assizes 1833, having had laid before us by Major Miller, Inspector-general of Police, a letter from Sir William Gosset, on the subject of withdrawing the Extraordinary Police Force from this county, "and inviting the Grand Jury to consider such proposition, and to convey their opinion for Your Excellency's consideration," beg leave to state, that at a meeting of the Magistrates of the West Riding of this county, held on Monday the 19th instant, it was resolved, "That it is the opinion of this meeting, that it would be expedient to withdraw from the West Riding of this county the Extraordinary Police Establishment," and in this Resolution the Grand Jury beg most respectfully to acquaint Your Excellency they concur. 28 June 1833.

(signed) *Jos. Dean Freeman*, and Fellows.

LETTER from Sir *William Gosset* to *J. Dean Freeman*, Esq.

Sir,

Dublin Castle, 31st August 1833.

I HAD the honor of submitting to the Lords Justices your letter of the 23d instant, enclosing a Resolution of the Grand Jury of the county of Cork, assembled at Summer Assizes 1833, on the expediency of withdrawing from the West Riding of the County the Extraordinary Police Establishment at present placed there.

Their Excellencies, I beg to observe, have much pleasure in giving effect to the recommendation of the Grand Jury on this occasion. The reduction of the Police Force in question has already commenced by filling up vacancies in the constabulary from the Peace Preservation Police, and it is hoped that the whole will very shortly be withdrawn.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Wm. Gosset.*

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LETTER from the Earl of *Bandon* to Sir *William Gosset*.

Sir, Castle Bernard, 5th September 1833.

I HAVE been directed by a numerous meeting of Magistrates of the county of Cork, held this day at Bandon, to transmit the enclosed Memorial to you, with a request that you will lay it before the Lord Lieutenant.

I think it necessary to state to you, for His Excellency's information, that there were present 31 Magistrates, five of whom withdrew from the meeting, stating that they had already given an opinion on the subject of our meeting at Cork. One Magistrate who remained was dissentient, consequently the Memorial which I have the honor to enclose, is to be considered as that of 25 Magistrates.

It may be further necessary to explain, that the greater part of the Magistrates present to day were not informed of the intention of holding the meeting at Cork, the advertisement of which only appeared in the Cork newspaper of Saturday, appointing the following Monday for the Magistrates to assemble, and others who live in remote parts of the West Riding found it impossible to reach Cork by the hour appointed. I can state for myself, that had I been aware of such meeting, I should have felt it my duty to attend it. I have every confidence that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to continue to this part of the county of Cork the protection which so large a majority of the Magistrates consider to be essential for the preservation of the peace during the ensuing winter.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Bandon.*

To His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of *Ireland*.

The Memorial of the Magistrates of the County of Cork, assembled by public advertisement at Bandon, in the West Riding of the same County, on Thursday the 5th September instant, (1833;)

Most respectfully showeth,

THAT your Memorialists, entertaining a well-founded confidence in the protection hitherto afforded by the Peace Preservation Force under the orders of Captains Vignoles and Roberts, the contemplated removal of which occurs at the moment of its complete equipment at the expense of this Riding, and having reason to believe that the inference upon which the propriety of its withdrawal has been founded, namely, the permanent re-establishment of the peace, is at least premature, most respectfully venture to solicit your Excellency to continue an establishment in this Riding which we deem essential to the maintenance of tranquillity during the approaching winter.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

(signed) *Bandon*, Chairman.

LETTER from *D. Conner* and *W. L. Shuldham*, Esqrs. to Sir *William Gosset*.

Sir, Dunmanway, September 5th, 1833.

WE consider it our duty to lay before you, for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the following statement. Early in the late assizes for this county, Major Miller, Inspector-general of Police, communicated to the Grand Jury (of which we were members) the desire of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, that that body should express an opinion as to the propriety of removing the Peace Preservation Police from the West Riding of this county, Cork.

The Grand Jury directed an advertisement for a meeting of the Magistrates of the West Riding to consider the matter; they met on the 19th, 23 in number, and decided that the force might, in their opinion, be done away; division 15 to 8. The Grand Jury reported accordingly. To our surprise, an advertisement appeared in the papers a few days since, calling a meeting of Magistrates in Bandon, for the purpose of reconsidering the decision of the Cork meeting and Grand Jury. We attended, but finding that there was not any fresh matter for the consideration of the meeting, we withdrew, having already given our opinion both at the Cork meeting and on the Grand Jury

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We beg to state, that we have had ample means of additional inquiry since the assizes, as to the state of the Riding, and can confidently report, that it has never been more free from outrage, and that the additional police could with perfect safety be withdrawn. To illustrate this, we believe we may affirm, that Captains Vignoles and Roberts had not a single prosecution, at the late assizes, which did not originate in some transaction previous to the spring assizes of this year. Both the Chief Magistrates named have expressed their opinions as to the state of the county, which coincided with our view of the subject. We were most forward in applying for the Peace Preservation Police, and trust that this expression of our opinion as to their removal will not be deemed an intrusion.

We have, &c.

(signed) *Daniel Conner,*
W. L. Shuldham.

LETTER from *John Swete*, Esq. to Sir *William Gosset.*

Sir, Bandon, 6th September 1833.

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you a Memorial, which has been most respectably signed by the inhabitants of this town and its immediate neighbourhood, praying that the Lord Lieutenant will be pleased to continue in the West Riding of the county of Cork the Peace Preservation Force, under the command of Captains Vignoles and Roberts, for the ensuing winter, which I beg you will have the goodness to lay before His Excellency. I have, &c.

(signed) *Jn° Swete,*
Provost of Bandon.

To His Excellency *Henry William*, Marquess of *Anglesey*, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of *Ireland.*

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of the town and vicinity of Bandon, having learned with surprise and concern that it is proposed to withdraw the Peace Preservation Force, under the direction of Captain Vignoles, from further duty in this Riding, hasten, in the first place, to record, for Your Excellency's information, our high and heartfelt estimation of the character and conduct of Captain Vignoles, and our adequate sense of the signal services rendered to this town and neighbourhood by that chief magistrate and the exemplary force under his orders.

Arriving amongst us at a season of fearful outrage and convulsion, Captain Vignoles has succeeded in allaying alarm and restoring comparative security to life and property in this portion of the Riding, by employing the means at his command with a combination of promptitude and vigor, humanity and moderation, as eminently creditable in motive as successful in effect; and it may not be irrelevant to add (under the peculiar circumstances of this country) that a spirit of impartiality has been as conspicuous in the proceedings of Captain Vignoles as the energy and judgment he has invariably displayed in the discharge of the responsible and invidious duties confided to his execution.

Entertaining, therefore, a well-founded confidence in the protection afforded by this highly efficient force, the contemplated removal of which occurs at the moment of its complete equipment at the expense of this Riding, and having reason to believe that the inference upon which the propriety of its withdrawal has been founded, namely, the permanent re-establishment of the peace of this district, is at least premature, we venture most respectfully to solicit Your Excellency to suspend for the present the instructions for the removal of an establishment which we deem essential to the *maintenance* of tranquillity during the approaching winter.

Bandon, August 31st, 1833.

(signed)

Bandon,	*Henry C. Power,*	*Somers Payne,*
Bernard,	*St. John A. Clerke,*	*John Wheeler, Junr.*
Henry Boyle Bernard,	*Robt K. St Lawrence,*	*Ed^w Doherty,*
Jn° Swete,	*W. McCreight,*	*J. Baldwin,*
A. O'Driscol,	*Fra^s Hayes, M.D.*	*Jn° Tresilian,*
F. B. Sweeny,	*Chambre Corker,*	*Henry Gillman,*
Wm L. Bernard,	*Robert Travers,*	*John Beamish,*
E. B. Kenney,	*Thomas Lucas,*	*William Connor.*

Signed by 441 other persons in addition to the above.

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LETTER from Sir *William Gosset* to the Earl of *Bandon*.

My Lord, Dublin Castle, 26th September 1833.

I HAVE had the honor to receive and lay before the Lord Lieutenant your Lordship's letter of the 5th instant, transmitting a memorial from a large number of Magistrates assembled on that day at Bandon, representing the expediency of continuing the Peace Preservation Force in the West Riding of Cork; in reply, I have the honour to acquaint you, that in consequence of their representation, and that of a numerous body, His Excellency has been pleased to suspend the reduction of a part of the Force alluded to until next spring. The portion to be kept in the West Riding will be rather less than half, viz., 1 chief magistrate, 1 chief constable, 12 constables, and 60 sub-constables.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm Gosset.*

LETTER from Sir *William Gosset* to *Daniel Conner* and *W. L. Shuldham*, Esqrs.

Gentlemen, Dublin Castle, 26th September 1833.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, expressing your opinion of the inexpediency of retaining the Peace Preservation Force in the West Riding of Cork, and, in reply, to acquaint you, that this representation having been considered by the Lord Lieutenant, with other representations from a numerous body of Magistrates, &c. it is His Excellency's intention that the whole force in question shall be reduced in the spring, if the state of the countycontinues as satisfactory as at present, and that only a portion, less than half, will be continued until then.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm Gosset.*

LETTER from Sir *William Gosset* to *John Swete*, Esq. Provost of Bandon.

Sir, Dublin Castle, 26th September 1833.

HAVING submitted to the Lord Lieutenant your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a Memorial from the inhabitants of Bandon and its immediate neighbourhood, praying that the Peace Preservation Force, under the command of Captain Vignoles and Mr. Roberts, in the West Riding of the county of Cork, may be continued during the ensuing winter, I have the honor to acquaint you, that in consequence of this representation, and one from a numerous meeting of Magistrates, the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to direct that a portion of the Peace Preservation Police shall be continued in the West Riding for the period in question.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm Gosset.*

(True Copy.)

Dublin Castle. Wm GOSSET.

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CORRESPONDENCE

RELATIVE TO

CORK MAGISTRACY.

(Mr. Feargus O'Connor.)

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